

Children's Environmental Health

Month
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WHEREAS, California has some of the worst air pollution in the country with over 200 million pounds of active pesticide ingredients released in the State each year; **and**

WHEREAS, Over 400,000 Californians are hospitalized for asthma every year – mostly children who are disproportionately African American; **and**

WHEREAS, Children are particularly susceptible to health effects associated with extreme heat events and exposure to pesticides, heavy metals, and plasticizing chemicals; **and**

WHEREAS, The aim of Children's Environmental Health (CEH) Month is to raise awareness about the importance of clean air and water, safe food and consumer products, healthy environments, and stable climates to children's health and development; **and**

WHEREAS, A statewide CEH Month was established on September 1st, 2021 through House Resolution 68, by the California State Assembly; **and**

WHEREAS, CEH Month provides a means to celebrate the progress of the children's environmental health movement and create an even stronger network of child health advocates; **and**

WHEREAS, CEH Month encourages individuals and organizations to raise awareness and understanding of children's environmental health issues, seek improved protections for all children, and to perform acts of sustainability or environmental health wellness; **and**

WHEREAS, Together, we can safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of our most precious resource: children; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 to be "**Children's Environmental Health Month**" in the City of San Diego.